

# MARYLAND TRAUMA PHYSICIAN SERVICES FUND

## Physician Information Bulletin #6

### NEWS & NOTES

**SESSIONS SCHEDULED FOR THE ELECTRONIC UNCOMPENSATED CARE APPLICATION**

MHCC staff will conduct two sessions on using this form.

**NEW! ROBINWOOD MEDICAL CENTER III, Room 142**

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 3pm

**NEW! PENINSULA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Room A – 2,**

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12 – 2pm



◆ **Clifton-Gunderson, LLP** has contacted the seven Level II and III Trauma Centers to begin the process of auditing the On-Call applications submitted during the first reporting period. The audit process for Uncompensated Care applications will begin in July 2004.

◆ **Updated versions of the Uncompensated Care & On-Call applications** are on the Commission Web site. The next round of Trauma Fund applications are due by July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

◆ **MHCC** received requests for payment of On-Call Costs and Uncompensated Care Services totaling less than \$2.1 million during the first reporting period. **MVA** collected approximately \$9.3 million for the Fund as of May 2004.



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### MHCC Policy Guidance

## Electronic Submission of Patient Service Tables 1, 2, and 3

- ◆ MHCC encourages all trauma physicians and faculty practices to submit patient service tables 1, 2, and 3 of the *Maryland Trauma Fund Semi-Annual Uncompensated Care Application* (application) electronically. The Excel application and sample are available at the MHCC Web site, [www.mhcc.state.md.us/trauma\\_fund/trauma.htm](http://www.mhcc.state.md.us/trauma_fund/trauma.htm). If you do not have Internet access, please contact MHCC to request an electronic copy by U.S. mail. Please be prepared to specify CD or diskette.

Trauma physicians and faculty practices that choose to send tables 1, 2, and 3 electronically must still complete the remaining sections of the application. Information contained in the other sections is required for processing applications. A completed copy of the application should be attached to the electronic media (i.e., CD or diskette) before sending to MHCC. Trauma physicians and faculty practices are reminded not to send electronic applications by email since this would violate the HIPAA privacy rule for protected health information.

Although not a requirement for submitting an uncompensated care application, the electronic submission of patient services tables 1, 2, and 3 is encouraged as it promotes accuracy of patient information loaded in the MHCC Payment Calculator.



**EXAMPLE:** Dr. Jones provided trauma care to Mr. Smith who does not have any health insurance. Dr. Jones' billing office followed the established collection procedures of two billing cycles and a 30-day collections effort. The billing office is completing a *Maryland Trauma Fund Semi-Annual Uncompensated Care Application* and decides to use the electronic version for patient service tables 1, 2, and 3.

**QUESTION:** Is it mandatory that an application accompany the electronic tables?

**ANSWER:** Yes, a hard copy of the application is required. All questions except patient service tables 1, 2 and 3 are required for MHCC to process your application.

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